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The following is the text of the Czechoslovak-Soviet agreement of 7 May 1950, granting the USSR extraterritorial rights and possible future frontier corrections in the areas of uranium deposits in Czechoslovakia.

1. Territorial definition of the Jachymov mines.
 - a. The Czechoslovak Government extends the mining concession granted for the Jachymov mines to the entire territory of the Republic.
 - b. Not even regions which could, according to present definitions, be of importance for the defense of the Czechoslovak Republic will be excluded from this extension.
2.
 - a. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic undertakes, immediately upon becoming cognizant of the discovery of new uranium deposits, to transfer these territories to the administration of the representative of the USSR and to notify at once the principal representative of the USSR, the member of the Czechoslovak-Soviet commercial mission in Czechoslovakia, Ing. Nikolai Vasilevich Volokhov.*
 - b. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic shall place no obstacles in the path of the representatives of the USSR who will, immediately upon notification of the discovery of new uranium deposits, take these territories into the sovereign autonomous administration of the USSR.
 - c. The USSR, on the other hand, undertakes to admit representation of the various autonomous civil administrations in these regions.
3. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic undertakes to provide the necessary police units, as well as military units, if needed, which may be employed for the protection of the various autonomous regions.
 - a. According to para. 3 of this agreement, command authority over police or military units will also be transferred from the Czechoslovak commandants

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to the representatives of the USSR. The command authority of the representatives of the Soviet autonomous administration is, however, subordinated to the commandant of the Czechoslovak police corps, or to the regional commander of the military units, from whose command the units have been transferred for the defense of the autonomous territory. Orders of these commanders which represent interference in the autonomous mining territory will nevertheless be subject to the control of the Soviet military or police representative.

4. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic undertakes to issue orders to its subordinate organs to provide the labor required for these autonomous regions in order to assure uninterrupted production.
 - a. 1) The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic shall provide billets for the persons who have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment or upon whom preventive detention has been imposed.
 - 2) Billets for such persons will be provided at the expense of the Czechoslovak Government which will also be responsible for all security measures.
 - b. 1) These autonomous territories shall be supplied according to this agreement by the Czechoslovak supply centers for both the civilian employees and for persons who are under the protection of police or military units.
 - 2) Payments for such supplies will be made according to the commercial agreement, with reference to the stipulations of para. 17, section 8, on compensations.
5. a. The stipulations of para. 4, section b, subsection 2) are to apply also to sources of energy and to power in general. This applies in particular to the electric power stations at Ervenice and Loket (N51/P58).
- b. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic reserves to itself payments for energy thus consumed with reference to the stipulations of the Czechoslovak commercial agreement, para. 16, section 5, subsection 4.
6. a. The Czechoslovak Government undertakes to place at the disposition of the Soviet representatives at any time all required railroad rolling stock for which the representatives of the Soviet autonomous territory may ask. Control of such railroad transportation will be left to the Czechoslovak Government.
- b. The Government of the USSR reserves the right to maintain secrecy as regards mining production figures, even from the Czechoslovak authorities. This section cancels, by mutual consent, prior agreements concerning the mutual exchange of information vital for the State or for defense, but only as regards the autonomous territories.
- c. The Czechoslovak Government undertakes to transfer the necessary technical personnel to the services of the autonomous mining territories, making use of the right of coercion by the Czechoslovak Labor Protection Office. The Government of the USSR reserves the right to make use of such technicians and employees, if necessary, for work in the USSR.
7. a. The Czechoslovak Government should insure the smooth functioning of these autonomous territories by financial investments according to the still valid commercial agreement. Para. 7 of this agreement is identical with para. 11 of the former agreement concerning mining in the Jachymov area.
- b. According to the commercial agreement and to para. 11 of the previous agreement concerning mining in the Jachymov area, the Czechoslovak Government undertakes to maintain priority supplies for these autonomous regions as required by the organs placed in these regions. This paragraph enumerates all orders and supplies that can be required by the autonomous organs of the mining regions.
8. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic reserves the right to maintain contact with the autonomous regions through its government plenipotentiary for the Jachymov mines in order to carry out the essential functions, according to para. 11 of this agreement.

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9. a. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic is prepared to correct the frontier in the present district of the Jachymov mines concerning Potucký, Sejfý, Boží Dar (N51/K61), Vejprty (N51/K72), in order to permit mining by the Soviet occupation authorities in the Eastern Zone of Germany.
 - 1) The Czechoslovak Government reserves the right of compensation for regions, entire territories or parts of territories that might thus be ceded.
 - 2) Compensation is to be given in the same extent, the same surface area, the same quality and the same mobile and real value as the area to be ceded.
- b. The area to be ceded may, however, not penetrate more than 4.5 kms. into the present territory of the Czechoslovak Republic.
 - 1) The drawing up of a more specific agreement and of details is left to the mixed demarcation commission, whose attention is drawn to para. 9, section a, of this agreement.
- c. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic will be prepared to grant mining concessions on the territory of the Czechoslovak Republic even after frontier corrections have been made, provided that the mining will be done by the Soviet occupation authorities of the Eastern Zone of Germany.
 - 1) The Czechoslovak Government reserves, however, the right to be informed of each and every such instance by its Government plenipotentiary for Jachymov, in view of requirements of national defense and of police security. This does not, however, curtail the powers of security commandants in the autonomous regions, nor can the Government of the Czechoslovak Republic take charge, through the executive organs, of the security of these autonomous regions.
10. a. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic reserves the right to maintain technical control over mining through the delegate of the Office for Inspection of Mines (Banský revírní a dohledací úrad). Employees of this office become, upon their appointment, employees of the autonomous regions. The stipulations of para. 6, section c, do not apply to them.
- b. The Government of the Czechoslovak Republic reserves the right to punish all employees of the autonomous regions, including Soviet citizens, for offenses against mining regulations. Maintenance of these mining regulations is stipulated in para. 10, section a.
11. The text of para. 10 supercedes the stipulations of the hitherto valid agreement regarding the mining of uranium in Czechoslovakia in the presence of Soviet citizens. Exceptions from the stipulations of this agreement and of its text may be agreed by the mixed supervisory and control commission, composed of representatives of the Governments of Czechoslovakia and the USSR and of the Office for Inspection of Mines.
12. This agreement becomes valid on the part of Czechoslovakia upon approval by the Czechoslovak Government, and on the part of the USSR immediately after its signing by the representative of the USSR and will remain in effect for a period of 15 years, i.e., from 10 May 1950 to 9 May 1965.

For the Czechoslovak Government:

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(Signed) Zorin, Deputy Foreign

(Signed) Judr. Plechac, departmental chief

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(Signed) Borininsk, Secretary

(Signed) Ing. M. Kovar, Govt. Plenipotentiary for
the Jachymov Mines(Signed) Ing. Volokhov, Govt. Representative of the
USSR, and member of the Czechoslovak-Soviet
commercial mission in Czechoslovakia

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* Comment: Ing. Volokhov was relieved of his post during the first part of 1950 and was replaced by Mikhail Mikhailovich Razhev.

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